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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 12, 15, and 18-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of a divisional application.

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file specifying information includes at least one of a path indicating a storage location of the subject file and a file number of the subject file.
3. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file type identifying information includes a format type of the subject file.
4. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file type identifying information includes information directly indicating whether the subject file comprises the moving image file or the still image file.
5. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file type identifying information includes an extension of a file name of the subject file.

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6. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein the file type identifying information includes file type information indicating a file type of the subject file, the file type information comprising initial letters of a file name of the subject file.
7. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein the scene specifying information includes a frame number specifying where a frame corresponding to the image data of the subject scene is in the moving image file.
8. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein the scene specifying information includes start position information of the image data of the subject scene in the moving image file.
9. (Original) The print designating method as defined in claim 8, wherein the start position information includes an offset address from one of a top of the moving image file and a bottom of a header of the moving image file.
10. (Original) The print designating method as defined in claim 8, wherein the scene specifying information further includes information indicating a length of the image data of the subject scene.

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11. (Previously presented) A printing method for printing an image designated with print designating information stored in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored,

wherein the print designating information includes:

file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed; and

file type identifying information for identifying whether the subject file comprises a moving image file or a still image file,

wherein if the subject file comprises the moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file,

wherein the printing method comprises:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information; and

determining whether the subject file comprises the still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file, the printing method further comprises printing the image data in the subject file, and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file, the printing method further comprises:

reading the scene specifying information;

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taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in
accordance with the scene specifying information; and
printing the image data of the subject scene.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) The ~~print designating~~ device as defined in claim 14 ~~[[12]]~~,
wherein:

the print designating device comprises an electronic camera comprising an imaging
device and a recording device which encodes and stores image data obtained through the
imaging device in the recording medium; and

the electronic camera stores the file including the image data and the print designation
file in the recording medium.

14. (Previously presented) A printing device for printing an image designated with print
designating information stored in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a
file including image data is stored,

wherein the print designating information includes:

file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to
be printed; and

file type identifying information for identifying whether the subject file
comprises a moving image file or a still image file,

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wherein if the subject file comprises the moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file,

wherein the printing device comprises:

a print designation file reading device which reads the print designation file in the recording medium;

a subject file reading device which reads the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information in the print designation file;

a file type determining device which determines whether the subject file comprises the still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information in the print designation file; and

a print controlling device,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file by the file type determining device, the print controlling device executes printing of the image data in the subject file, and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file by the file type determining device, the print controlling device reads the scene specifying information in the print designation file, takes the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information, and executes printing of the image data of the subject scene.

15. (Canceled).

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16. (Previously presented) A program recording medium in which a program for performing a process with a computer is stored, the process comprising:

accessing a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, and reading out information from the recording medium, and

determining if the recording medium includes a print designation file,

wherein if the recording medium has the print designation file in which print designating information is stored, the print designating information including:

file specifying information for specifying a subject file including an image to be printed; and

file type identifying information for identifying a file type of the subject file, wherein if the subject file comprises a moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file; then the process further comprises:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information; and

determining whether the subject file comprises a still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file, the process further comprises executing printing of the image data in the subject file; and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file, the process further comprises:

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reading the scene specifying information;
taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in
accordance with the scene specifying information; and
executing printing of the image data of the subject scene.

17. (Previously presented) A program code, represented by a signal and stored on a
recording medium, for performing a process with a computer, the process comprising:

accessing the recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, and
reading out information from the recording medium, and

determining if the recording medium includes a print designation file,

wherein if the recording medium has the print designation file in which print
designating information is stored, the print designating information including:

file specifying information for specifying a subject file including an image to
be printed; and

file type identifying information for identifying a file type of the subject file,
wherein if the subject file comprises a moving image file, the print designating
information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be
printed in the moving image file; then the process further comprises:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file
specifying information; and

determining whether the subject file comprises a still image file or the moving
image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

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wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file, the process further comprises executing printing of the image data in the subject file, and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file, the process further comprises:

reading the scene specifying information;

taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information; and

executing printing of the image data of the subject scene.

18-23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently amended) The ~~print designating~~ method as defined in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein said print designating information is stored in the print designation file in the recording medium without duplicating image data of the image to be printed.

25. (Currently amended) The ~~print designating~~ device as defined in claim 14 ~~[[12]]~~, wherein the print designation file preparing device stores the print designating information in the print designation file in the recording medium without duplicating image data of the image to be printed.

26. (Currently amended) The ~~print designating~~ method as defined in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein said print designating information is stored in the print designation file in the

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recording medium without duplicating image data of the image to be printed and thereby minimizing waste of a memory capacity of the recording medium.

27. (Currently amended) The ~~print-designating~~ device as defined in claim 14 ~~[[12]]~~, wherein the print designation file preparing device stores the print designating information in the print designation file in the recording medium without duplicating image data of the image to be printed and thereby minimizing waste of a memory capacity of the recording medium.

28. (Currently amended) The ~~print-designating~~ method as defined in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein said recording medium includes only a single copy of image data of the image to be printed.

29. (Currently amended) The ~~print-designating~~ device as defined in claim 14 ~~[[12]]~~, wherein said recording medium includes only a single copy of image data of the image to be printed.

30. (Currently amended) The ~~print-designating~~ method as defined in claim 11 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein said print designating information is stored in the print designation file in the recording medium without redundantly storing image data of the image to be printed.

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31. (Currently amended) The ~~print designating~~ device as defined in claim 14 ~~[[12]]~~, wherein the print designation file preparing device stores the print designating information in the print designation file in the recording medium without redundantly storing image data of the image to be printed.

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE
OF THE TELEPHONIC INTERVIEWS**

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Pham for courtesies extended in the telephone interviews conducted on September 6, 2005, September 14, 2005, September 16, 2005, and September 19, 2005 in which the traversal arguments set forth in the Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which was filed on August 17, 2005, were discussed.

Applicants submit this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

In the telephone interviews, Applicants gratefully acknowledged that **independent claims 11, 14, 16, and 17 are allowed**.

Applicants proposed canceling claims 1, 12, 15, and 18-23 without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of a divisional application, amending claims 2-10, 24, 26, 28, and 30 merely to change their dependency from claim 1 to allowed claim 11, and amending claims 13, 25, 27, 29, and 31 merely to change their dependency from claim 12 to allowed claim 14.

Accordingly, claims 2-11, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 24-31 (all of the claims presently pending in the application) should now be in condition for immediate allowance.

Examiner's Proposed Amendment

In the September 16, 2005 telephonic interview, the Examiner also proposed amending allowed claims 16 and 17 to clarify that these claims are directed to a "*computer readable*" medium, by Examiner's amendment, to obviate informalities (which were not raised in the present Office Action) and expedite the issuance of these claims.

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The Examiner also stated that additional amendments may be needed to place the allowed claims 11, 14, 16, and 17 in condition for allowance, in view of a new interpretation of the claims and the primary reference cited against the rejected claims. Applicants note, however, that allowed claims 11, 14, 16, and 17 have not been rejected based on prior art in the present Office Action, but instead, have been indicated as being allowed in the present Office Action.

Should the Examiner's proposed amendments be accepted by Applicants, the Examiner agreed to enter such amendments by Examiner's amendment, upon receipt of Applicants' authorization for such Examiner's proposed amendments.

Therefore, the Examiner's proposed amendments have not been included in the present amendment, which replies to the rejections of record, as indicated in the present Office Action.

Applicants agreed to contact the Examiner via telephone to confirm whether or not the Examiner's proposed amendments are accepted by Applicants.

As mentioned above, should the Examiner's proposed amendment be accepted by Applicants, the Examiner agreed to enter such amendments by Examiner's amendment upon receipt of Applicants' authorization for such Examiner's proposed amendments.

On the other hand, should the Examiner's proposed amendments not be accepted by Applicants, and should the Examiner deem that allowed claims 11, 14, 16, and 17 should be withdrawn from allowance, then a new, non-final Office Action should be issued to properly withdraw allowed claims 11, 14, 16, and 17 from allowance, and to object to and/or reject claims 11, 14, 16, and 17, which currently stand allowed in the present application.